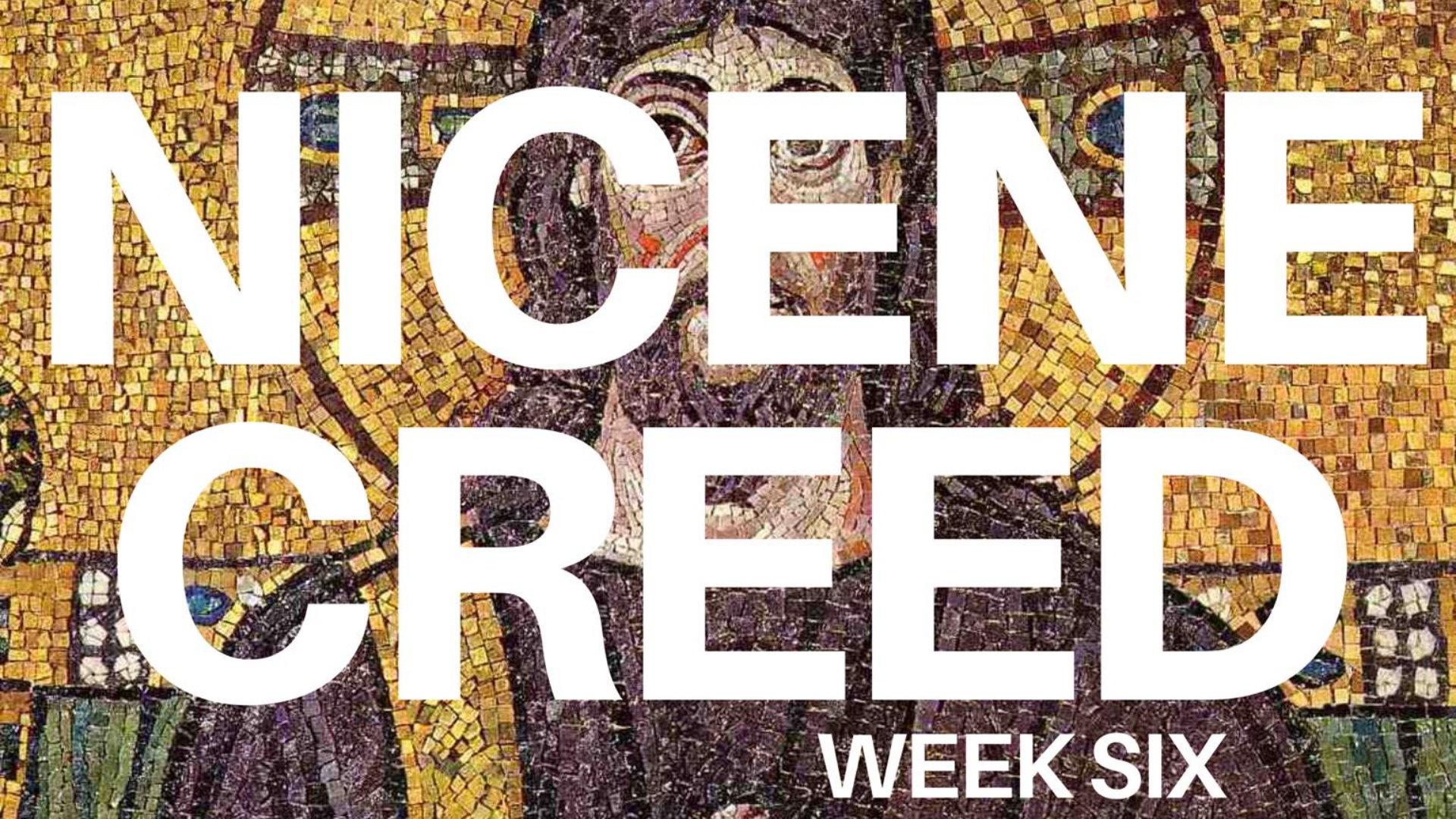


A detailed mosaic background featuring a central face with large, expressive eyes. The mosaic is composed of small, irregular tiles in various shades of gold, brown, and purple. The face appears to be a religious or historical figure, possibly a saint or a deity, with a serene expression. The text "NICE" and "CREED" is overlaid on the mosaic in a large, white, sans-serif font.

NICE CREED

WEEK SIX

Describe a typical
Easter Sunday for
you.

Let's Read the Creed

Recap

- Week 1: “We believe”
- Week 2: “In one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth”
- Week 3: “...begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father.”
- Week 4: “...and was made man”
- Week 5: “and was crucified also for us”

Reading

- Today: “The Resurrection of Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel and in the New Testament” by Jeff Gibbs in the *Concordia Commentary* on Matthew

“and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.”

Outline Today

1. Don't Forget the Resurrection!
2. Jesus today
3. Jesus on That Day
4. Easter Bible Study: Matthew 28:1-10

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Don't Forget the Resurrection

- Easter completes the Gospel
 - Death has been defeated!
 - “And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.”
 - 1 Cor 15:14
- The Resurrection is God's vindication of Jesus
 - “Divine intervention”

Don't Forget the Resurrection

- The Resurrection is essential for proclaiming Jesus as Lord
 - “Jesus Christ... is my Lord” - SC
- Are you baptized only into the death of Christ?
 - “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4

Don't Forget the Resurrection (Activities)

- Re-write a short Gospel proclamation with the Resurrection emphasized
- Consider a visit to someone on hospice. Try comforting them with only news of the cross. And then try comforting them with news of *both* the cross and empty tomb

Jesus Today

- Where is Jesus?
 - Ascended
 - Seated at the Right Hand
- Ascension Day
 - 40 days after Easter
 - Not that big of a holiday nowadays, but still important!

Jesus Today

- We're living in a different age now than Jesus' earthly ministry
 - "Don't cling to me, for..."
- Seated with *Authority*
 - Over sin, death, and the devil
 - Over *all* things
 - Even to give Himself in Sacraments

Jesus on That Day

- Jesus will return...
 - Good news or bad news?
 - In Spirit? Or Flesh?
 - We'll come back to this...

Matthew 28:1-10

- Read and note:
 - Describe the Beginning, Middle, and End
 - What's a detail that Matthew highlights that he didn't have to?
 - What comes before this?
 - What comes after?

Review

- God is *revealed* in the incarnation
- God *saves* through the incarnation
- We *witness* the incarnation and believe it